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SUBJECT: U.S. REQUEST FOR POLLOCK IN SOVIET FISHING ZONE

REF: MOSCOW 2111

1. DEPT REPRESENTATIVES WERE APPROACHED BY U.S. PARTNERS
IN A U.S.-KOREAN JOINT VENTURE INVOLVING A.R. DAVENNY AND
ASSOCIATES, INC., AND KOREAN MARINE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION, AND ASKED IF THE SOVIETS WOULD ALLOW U.S.
VESSELS TO FISH FOR POLLOCK IN THE SOVIET 200-MILE FISHERY
ZONE. ACCORDINGLY, DEPT DRAFTED THE FOLLOWING NOTE
AND PASSED IT TO SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON ON DECEMBER
19, 1977.

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BEGIN TEXT:

EXCELLENCY:

I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERN-
MENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS CONCERNING
FISHERIES OFF THE COASTS OF THE UNITED STATES WHICH WAS

SIGNED NOVEMBER 26, 1976 AND ENTERED INTO FORCE
FEBRUARY 28, 1977.

ARTICLE XIII OF THAT AGREEMENT PROVIDES THAT THE

GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
SHALL UNDERTAKE TO ALLOW FISHING BY UNITED STATES VES-
SELS IN THE FISHERY CONSERVATION ZONE OF THE SOVIET
UNION OR ITS EQUIVALENT ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY AND
ON TERMS NOT MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN THOSE ESTABLISHED
FOR SOVIET VESSELS FISHING IN THE 200-MILE FISHERY CON-
SERVATION ZONE OF THE UNITED STATES.

UNITED STATES NATIONALS HAVE EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO
FISH FOR POLLOCK OFF THE KAMCHATKA PENINSULA OF
THE SOVIET UNION. ACCORDINGLY, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES WISHES TO BE INFORMED BY THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS OF THE
TERMS AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH UNITED STATES NATIONALS
AND VESSELS WILL BE ALLOWED TO FISH IN THE SOVIET 200-
MILE FISHERY ZONE FOR THIS SPECIES.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY
HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END TEXT.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE THAT NO REPEAT NO SPECIFIC
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AMOUNTS OF FISH WERE REQUESTED. HOWEVER, UNDER FISHERY
CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1976, USG IS REQUIRED
TO ASCERTAIN THAT FOREIGN NATIONS FISHING IN U.S. WATERS
ALLOW U.S. VESSELS RECIPROCAL FISHING PRIVILEGES.

(SEC. 201, PARA F: "FOREIGN FISHING SHALL NOT BE
AUTHORIZED FOR THE FISHING VESSELS OF ANY FOREIGN
NATION UNLESS SUCH NATION SATISFIES THE SECRETARY (OF
COMMERCE) AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE THAT SUCH NATION
EXTENDS SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME FISHING PRIVILEGES TO
FISHING VESSELS OF THE UNITED STATES, IF ANY, AS THE
UNITED STATES EXTENDS TO FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS.")
IN ADDITION, ARTICLE XIII OF U.S.-U.S.S.R. FISHERIES
AGREEMENT ALSO PROVIDES FOR RECIPROCITY OF FISHING
PRIVILEGES. ACCORDINGLY, IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST OF U.S.
COMPANY, DEPT ASKED SOVIETS IF POLLOCK IS AVAILABLE.

3. DEPT OFFICIALS MET WITH SOVIET EMBASSY REPRESENTA-
TIVE ON FEBRUARY 15 AND DISCUSSED ABOVE SITUATION. IT
WAS EXPLAINED THAT VESSELS INVOLVED IN THIS JOINT VENTURE
WOULD PROBABLY BE U.S. OWNED AND REGISTERED, FOREIGN
BUILT, AND MANNED BY FOREIGN CREWS (E.G. SOUTH KOREAN)
WITH U.S. CAPTAIN AND FIRST MATE OR MASTER. SOVIET

REP RESPONDED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT COULD BE EXPECTED TO FORMALLY RESPOND TO U.S. NOTE WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS AND THAT HE THOUGHT U.S. REQUEST FOR POLLOCK COULD BE GRANTED SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. HE EXPLAINED THAT SOVIET AL-

LOCATIONS HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE FOR 1978, BUT SPECULATED THAT A U.S. ALLOCATION FOR 1978 MIGHT BE ACCOMMODATED.

4. DEPT REGRETS DELAY IN PASSING ABOVE NOTE TO EMBASSY.
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